

NATIVE COUNSELLING SERVICES OF ALBERTA
PAROLE SUPERVISION

The Parole Supervision Program is part of Native Counselling Services of Alberta's (NCSA) network of services. It is provided free of charge to Native people. NCSA Courtworkers have supervised Native parolees since 1970. Parole supervision has expanded throughout the province in recent years (Table 1). NCSA now employs two fulltime Parole Supervisors in Edmonton and one in Calgary. Criminal Courtworkers continue to supervise Native parolees in all other areas of the province. Funding for the Parole Supervision Program is provided by the Correctional Service of Canada on a fee for service basis.

NCSA Parole staff:

- assist in preparing community assessments;
- explain the concept of parole to inmates in the institutions;
- supervise all categories of Parole; and,
- may aid Parolees in seeking employment and appropriate accommodation.

The network of NCSA services also becomes available to the Parolee and his family. For example, he may live at Kochee Mena Apartments, a community residential centre run by NCSA, and his family may use the services of the Family Courtworker Program and the Family Life Improvement Program. These services include assistance in dealing with social service agencies, counselling and self-help sessions (Chart 1).

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NCSA Parole Supervision

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Native Parolees. NCSA Community Residential Centre

(NCSA Community Residential Centre) provides services to Canada on a

Release into the community

for service

NCSA Parole Supervision

Explain conditions of Parole to Native Parolees

Explain the concept of Parole to inmates in the institution

Assist in finding employment

Assist in finding accommodation

The network of NCSA services is available to the Parole

Referrals to other helping agencies

Personal and family counselling

Self-help sessions

services include

and self-help sessions (Chart 1).

Chart 1

NCSA Services to Native Inmates and Parolees

In the Institution	<div>NCSA Parole Supervisors<ul style="list-style-type: none">- explain the concept of Parole- assist with Community Assessments</div> <div>NCSA Native Program Coordinators assist Native inmates with Parole plans</div>
When Parole is Granted	<div>Native Foster Homes</div> <div>NCSA Community Residential Centre (Kochee Mena Apartments)</div> <div>Release into the community</div>
NCSA Parole Supervisors	<div>Explain conditions of Parole to Native parolee</div> <div>Supervise Parole</div> <div>Assist in finding employment</div> <div>Assist in finding accommodation</div>
Other NCSA Services May Provide	<div>Referrals to other helping agencies</div> <div>Personal and family counselling</div> <div>Self-help sessions</div>

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NCSA believes that Native parole staff can deal effectively with Native parolees since both share a common life experience, making it easier to establish trust between the parolee and his supervisor. The supervisor has first hand knowledge of the problems faced by Native people in Alberta.

The number of Native parolees supervised by NCSA is steadily increasing (Table 1). Their number has more than tripled in the past year. This increase in the number of clients reflects an expansion in the services provided by NCSA in the past year.

Table 1 NCSA Parole Supervision Statistics

Activity	Fiscal Year		
	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Community Assessments	48	94	202
Number of Clients Supervised	78	90	276

Source: NCSA Annual Reports, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 (in preparation).

Two new approaches to Parole Supervision have been instituted recently:

- 1) Native foster homes for Native Parolees allow the parolee to live in a family setting and receive the support of his 'family' while he is making the transition back into the community.
- 2) The use of volunteer parole supervisors is currently being initiated in the isolated areas of the province. This type of supervision allows the Native parolee to return to his home community while still on Parole since he has a means of 'reporting in' through the volunteer supervisor. The volunteer supervisor then reports to NCSA Parole staff who complete the necessary parole reports.

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			1984-85
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	75	90	228

Table 1
RCMP Parole Supervision Statistics

provided by RCMP in the past year.

This increase in the number of offenders has been accompanied by the following factors (Table 1). Their number and those who remain in the system have increased. The number of Native persons referred to RCMP is steadily increasing. The number of Native persons referred to RCMP is steadily increasing. The number of Native persons referred to RCMP is steadily increasing.

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The expansion of NCSA Parole supervision services has been facilitated by the development of a training package for all Courtworkers doing Parole supervision. The Edmonton Parole supervisor has presented this package to all Criminal Courtworkers in the province over the past few months. The training package is laid out in chronological order to guide the Courtworkers through the Parole supervision process. It includes samples of each document and instructions on its completion. It gives Courtworkers specific guidelines for accurate, consistent reporting of their supervision activities.

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